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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of <u>2</u> sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>																								
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1-15 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the claims:
 nos. 3-5, 8-10 as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* 1, 6 as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the drawings:
 sheets fig. 1-9 as originally filed/furnished
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- the description, pages _____
 - the claims, nos. 2, 7 _____
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 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- the description, pages _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	3, 8	YES
	Claims	1, 4-6, 9, 10	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1, 3-6, 8-10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1, 3-6, 8-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 11-328209 A (Canon Inc.), 30 November 1999, paragraphs [0022] to [0041] and fig. 3 to 10 (Family: none)

Document 2: JP 10-320167 A (Sharp Corp.), 04 December 1998, paragraphs [0025] to [0038] and fig. 1 and 3 to 12 (Family: none)

Document 3: JP 2001-218158 A (Sony Corp.), 10 August 2001, paragraphs [0068], [0069] and [0073], and fig. 15 and 16 (Family: none)

Document 4: JP 8-305617 A (Canon Inc.), 22 November 1996, fig. 3 (Family: none)

The inventions that are set forth in claims 1 and 6 are disclosed in document 1 (paragraphs [0022] to [0041] and fig. 3 to 10), document 2 (paragraphs [0025] to [0038] and fig. 1 and 3 to 12) and document 3 (paragraphs [0068], [0069] and [0073], and fig. 15 and 16) cited in the international search report; therefore, the inventions in question lack novelty and do not involve an inventive step (the assertion that the present inventions are characterized by the feature wherein the "image that has been selected by a user is then displayed in the vicinity of said image among the images which remain in a

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reduced state," as set forth in the description, has no basis in the disclosures in the claims).

The inventions that are set forth in claims 3 and 8 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 and document 4 (fig. 3) cited in the international search report. It would have been easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of employing the image display configuration that is disclosed in document 4, wherein the images are inclined by a prescribed angle in relation to the screen for display, in the image display method that is disclosed in document 1.

The inventions that are set forth in claims 4 and 9 are disclosed in document 1 and document 2; therefore, the inventions in question lack novelty and do not involve an inventive step.

The inventions that are set forth in claims 5 and 10 are disclosed in document 1; therefore, the inventions in question lack novelty and do not involve an inventive step.